for the posting of a woman doctor at Chirayinkil for the time being. In the meanwhile, the larger question of opening a hospital at Attingal will be examined carefully. We also want to know whether the population at Attingal will justify the opening of a hospital.

Then as regards the satrom, I shall ask the Maramat Engineer to look into the matter. If the suggestion is for 2 small rooms with out-houses, I shall have estimates prepared and sanctioned.

Then you want a senior Police officer. I do not know what you mean by seniority—in age or in rank—or that an acting Inspector should not be appointed.

MEMBER : In rank and an honest officer.

DEWAN : The Commissioner of Police will investigate the matter.

As regards the widening of the road near Mamom Palam I shall ask the Chief Engineer to report to me about that.

As regards the Kollampuzha kadavu bridge I must get a report from the Chief Engineer.

119. Needs of the Quilon Municipality.

MR. M. K. ABDUR RAHIMAN KUTTI (*Member, Municipal Council, Quilon*) said that the road from the Maharani Market to the Jews' shop junction should be metalled as also the road from the tobacco bankshall *via* Thamaracolam to the main road junction, the road from the junction to the west of Valiyapalam along the canal bank and the road from the Harrisons & Crossfield road to the Assistant Excise Commissioner's office.

The road from the Jews' shop junction to the salt bankshall was one of the most useful roads in the Quilon town. Government had stated on a former occasion that this road would be re-opened if the municipality would bear the entire cost. The municipality had agreed accordingly, but nothing was yet done in the matter. The road should be opened without more delay.

Parapet walls should be constructed on the banks of the canal from Valiyapalam to Pallithottam.

A bridge should be put up at Kottayathukadavu near the Thevally palace.

The necessary provision should be made for a pier at Quilon in the next Budget and the work should be taken up soon.

The old road to the west of the Harrisons and Crossfield buildings should be re-opened.

The fisherfolk who were rendered destitute by the recent outbreak of fire should be provided with houses and two fire engines should be kept in Quilon with a view to guarding against similar outbreaks in future.

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DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Abdur Rahiman Kutti, the metalling of the road from the Maharani Market to the Jews' shop junction has already been sanctioned and a sum of Rs. 15,265 has been provided for the work. The Chief Engineer will have the actual work taken up shortly.

As regards the other roads, Government and the Municipality have come to an agreement that each will contribute a part of the cost, and all that we are waiting for now is to hear from the South Indian Railway Company who have been written to for the construction of a gate where the road crosses the line.

The Chief Engineer is sending up an estimate for repairing the walls along the banks of the canal.

It is too soon to talk of a very big and expensive bridge like the Tevalli bridge for Quilon. You are getting the Neendakara bridge, and that is quite enough for one or two years.

The one or two other roads which you speak of will also be considered.

As regards the construction of houses for the fisherfolk, that is really for the Municipality to take up, and if they want help from Government, I have no doubt they will apply to Government.

The member should try to influence the Municipality, of the Council of which he is a member, to take up this question.

I do not think it is the duty of the Police to provide fire-engines. That is essentially a matter for the Municipality. The Municipality is collecting rates and taxes and they must spend for the people. The Municipality is raising taxes for these purposes and the Government cannot spend the general taxes on the Quilon Municipality.

120. Needs of the Kayancolam town.

MR. P. V. IRUPOOTY (*Member, Municipal Council, Kayancolam*) dealt with the following needs of Kayancolam:—

Immediate instructions should be issued for extending to the Roman Catholic church the road leading from the present motor checking station at Karakattumukku towards the west and for converting it into a cart road as was proposed by the Municipality.

The proposal of Government to open a new road from Puthiyedam to the Roman Catholic church for diverting the motor traffic through the town should be taken up soon.

All the roads inside the town should be metalled.

Gutters should be provided on both sides of the roads in the town.

A salt bankshall should be established at the place. The merchants of Kayancolam had now to get salt from Quilon, Alleppey and other places and to stock it for sale to people forty or fifty miles away.

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